

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 abA2 1. A conveyor for flowable particulate material
2 of the tobacco processing industry, comprising a duct
3 defining a path for the flowable material and having
4 walls bounding said path, at least one of said walls
5 consisting at least in part of a ceramic material.

2. The conveyor of claim 1, wherein said at least one wall is stationary.

3. The conveyor of claim 1, wherein said at least one wall is a lining having a surface adjacent said path and consisting of said ceramic material.

4. The conveyor of claim 3, further comprising a back support for said lining, said lining being disposed between said back support and said path.

5. The conveyor of claim 4, wherein said lining is bonded to said back support.

1 6. The conveyor of claim 4, wherein said lining
2 has a thickness in the range of between 0.05 and 0.5 mm.

1 7. The conveyor of claim 4, wherein said lining
2 is applied to said back support in accordance with one
3 of undertakings including the application in molten state
4 and spraying.

1 8. The conveyor of claim 1, wherein said at least
2 one wall has a surface adjacent said path and having a
3 consistency resembling that of the surface of an orange
4 peel.

1 9. The conveyor of claim 1, wherein another of
2 said walls is a portion of a conveyor belt arranged to
3 advance particulate material along said path.

1 10. The conveyor of claim 9, wherein said walls
2 further include a third wall confronting said at least one wall
3 and being disposed at one side of said portion of said
4 belt, said third wall consisting at least in part of a
5 ceramic material.

1 11. The conveyor of claim 10, wherein said duct
2 includes two additional walls disposed at the other side
3 of said portion of said belt and providing tracks for
4 said portion of said belt.
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1 12. The conveyor of claim 11, wherein at least
2 one of said additional walls has substantially trapezi-
3 form projections abutting said other side of said portion
4 of said belt.

1 13. The conveyor of claim 10, wherein said portion
2 of said belt has two elongated marginal portions and said
3 additional walls have surfaces each adjacent and each
4 extending lengthwise of a different one of said marginal
5 portions.

1 14. The conveyor of claim 10, wherein said belt
2 is located at a level above said at least one wall and
3 said third wall and above said path.

1 15. The conveyor of claim 1, wherein said walls
2 form part of a cigarette rod making machine.

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